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SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" Are the Government aware that the local people have already taken up the construction of the road? Will the Government, therefore, take up the construction of the road immediately? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" It will be considered in the next Five-Year Plan."

Supply of electricity to Tiruvallur taluk.

* 1301 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to increase the supply of electric power to Tiruvallur taluk;

(*b*) if so, the names of villages selected for the supply of electricity for lift-irrigation during the year 1954–55;

(*c*) whether any contribution is required from the agriculturists for such supply; and

(*d*) if so, the percentage of contribution expected?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) During 1954–55, schemes for extension of supply to the following villages have been taken up :—

Ikkadu, Panambakkam, Venmanambudur, Tirur, Thozur, Thannirkulam, Chatram, Kelambakkam, Aranvoyal and Sriperumbudur.

" (*c*) & (*d*) Schemes for the extension of supply of power are now taken up for execution in their turn, in the strict order of priority without insisting on voluntary loans. Where, however, voluntary loans are offered to meet the entire cost of the service connexion or extension schemes as the case may be, such works instead of being taken up for execution in the strict order of priority are taken up for execution under top priority."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that Tiruvallur taluk is definitely an undeveloped and backward area and that its economic position is very bad? May I, therefore, request the Hon. Minister to consider the desirability of granting more amounts for extending electricity to some more villages in Tiruvallur taluk? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" All those villages are there in the list. But they will have to be taken up in turn according to priority."